

APPENDIX THREE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HAROLD WALL

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Harold Wall was born January 9, 1893 in Wallsburg, Utah to Isaac Oliver and Marcia Glenn Wall. He was their sixth child and second son. He was originally named Horold, but went by the name of Harold on all Church and legal documents.

In his youth, Harold did a lot of hunting and fishing. He milks cows and herded sheep. As a teenager, Harold loved to wrestle and was at every event. Even though his father was a sheriff in Heber City and in Wasatch County, Harold was somewhat rebellious. As soon as he turned 17, Harold ran away from home for two years. When he did finally return, Harold was a changed man.

He still enjoyed riding his motorcycle and had some very narrow escapes. One night while driving it too fast, Harold missed a turn and crashed through a barbed wire fence ending up in a cow pasture. Another time while giving his girl friend a joy ride, Harold realized all of a sudden that her arms weren't around his waist. He was frantic with worry that something awful had happened to her. When he found her she was lying still in the road. He jumped off his motorcycle and pleaded for her not to die.

"Please, I'll never take you on my motorcycle again if you just won't die," Harold pleaded. She couldn't hold it any longer and broke out laughing. She said that she was kind of mad at him to think that he would travel as far as he did and not miss her. She had found a soft spot that she knew wouldn't hurt and just slid off the cycle.

Later Harold met and fell in love with Estella Fawn Chapman. She told the following story of how they first met: "I met Hal in Magna, Utah one night as my girlfriend and I came out of a show. Hal and Dean Clyde were standing outside the

theater and asked us if they could walk us home. We stood on the porch of my girlfriend's house for a while and ended up talking with them for a long time. Dean said that he needed a drink and so my girlfriend took him inside. While they were gone, Hal made a date with me for the next night to go to the show. I think we were steady ever since then."

Since Hal was living in Magna and working at the Garfield Mill for Utah Copper, he and Fawn saw a lot of each other. They would go to the show for fun or they would go to the dances in Magna. Fawn loved to dance, but Hal didn't. He would sit around most of the time and watch Fawn dance with other guys.

During the years before and after World War I, the price of copper dropped significantly. In 1918 a major cutback and worker layoff was rumored in Magna among the Utah Copper employees. Hal told Fawn that all the single men were going to be laid off at the company. He used that as an excuse to persuade her to get married. On March 10, 1919 Hal and Fawn were married in Magna and moved into a small place that they rented.

After just a short time Fawn became pregnant and very ill. Her father, Isaac Chapman suggested that the couple move to his place in Riverton where she could be close to her own family. Fawn suffered from kidney problems and needed a lot of care. She had also contracted Influenza during the nation-wide epidemic.

During the night of August 16, 1919 after Hal and Isaac had gone into Salt Lake City to a wrestling match, Fawn went into hard labor and finally delivered their first child, Janice Marie Wall. The doctor told the new parents that their baby wouldn't live long. She died the very next day.

After working on the Chapman farm for a while Hal and Fawn decided to move to Park City where he had found work in the mines. They rented a small place and although Hal worked long, hard hours, the couple was very happy. Soon they learned that Fawn was expecting another baby.

Hal was a very clean person. Everything had to be just so, especially with his hair. One thing you never wanted to do was walk up to him and mess up his hair. That was the biggest crime you could commit around him. He had a very funny routine when he bathed. First, while in the tub Hal would wash his hair and comb it and then put on his good hat. Then he would wash the rest of himself. Fawn would always say, "It was the funniest sight I ever saw, seeing him in the bathtub all covered with soap, with his hat on."

Fawn also remembered one time when she was trying to wake Hal for dinner. He was sleeping very soundly and she had a hard time waking him up. Finally she got him to wake up and sit up in bed. He was still sort of in a daze and said, "Mother was standing right there (pointing at the bottom of the bed.) "Your mother?" Fawn asked. "Yes," Hal said, "She stood there with her hand on her chin like she always did."

Hal went on to relate how his mother encouraged him to leave the mines and reminded him of a promise that he had made her years before, that he would never work in the mines, because she feared he would contract tuberculosis or lung disease.

Right after that dream Hal received a telegram from Utah Copper offering him a job at the mill. They moved back to Magna where Isaac Chapman helped them settle into a house. Isaac also told them that he wanted to buy them some furniture as payment for all of the work that Hal had done while they lived in Riverton. Fawn went into Salt Lake with her parents and bought two rooms of furniture. Soon after they had settled in a little red-headed boy was born to them on August 8, 1920. They named him Harold Blaine Wall.

Hal's job at the mill lasted only about a year. This time after being laid off Hal moved his family back to the Chapmans and left to find work in Idaho. He ended up herding sheep because he had some experience with the herds and didn't want to become a burden on the Chapmans again.

After being away for three months, Hal wanted to make a surprise visit to Fawn, so he didn't tell anyone he was coming. He got to the Chapman house in the evening, but Fawn and the baby were not there. They had gone up to Ogden to stay with Fawn's sister, Mae and her husband. So hall took off for Ogden a little deflated that things hadn't gone the way he had planned.

He found the house of Fawn's brother, Earl, first. It was next to Mae's home. Hal was very tired and frustrated since it was about 2 in the morning and he had been traveling all day. Earl went next door and told Fawn that there was some guy who wanted to talk to her. She got dressed and came out, but didn't recognize Hal at first, since he had gained a lot of weight.

"Well, I guess I'll go back since you don't even know me," exclaimed Hal. All he had wanted to do was to surprise her with his visit. Fawn was very surprised as he was the last person she expected to see. The next day they traveled

to Chapman's, where Hal's sister Ruby contacted them to say that there was work for Hal in Park City.

Hal took his family and their furniture and went to Park City. All they could find to rent was a two-story house, which they took. Hal and his family lived in the upstairs and Ruby, George and their son, Bert, lived downstairs. Hal always kept the yard and especially his flower garden immaculate. After a few months another son was born to Hal and Fawn. Cecil Keith Wall was born on August 14, 1922.

Hal had enjoyed good health for about one year after he decided to work in the lime plant. Soon after he developed severe stomach ulcers. The Depression caused many of the jobs in the mines and at Utah Copper to be eliminated. Again Hal was desperate to find a way to care for his growing family. On January 13, 1925 the Wall's third son, Douglas Eugene, was born.

Hal took his family to his father's place where they planned on staying a month. While they were there, Ruby and her family also moved in. It was very difficult to make ends meet for so many people, but Fawn remembers that as a time when the extended family really came to know one another. It was fun just being together and they were very thankful. Even though Isaac Wall had a small herd of dairy cows, their milk had been contracted out. But there was enough to go around. They ate a lot of Aunt Fanny's (Hal's stepmother) bread and jam.

An example of Hal's kindness to his nieces and nephews was the time he was able to buy ten boxes of Shredded Wheat cereal. The boxes were quickly distributed among the other families.

During another brief work period at the Utah Copper Company's Garfield plant, Hal moved his family once more. Here a daughter was born to the Wall's-- Beverly Darlene on December 4, 1931. When work became scarce again Hal began cutting hair in his home. The family moved to Taylorsville, where the local barber by the name of Red, didn't exactly like the competition of Hal's skill.

In addition to cutting hair, Hal liked to tinker with machinery and tools of all kinds. One of his inventions was a pneumatic shock absorber that was designed to cushion the ride in large vehicles and buses. Hal had his original plans drafted up by V.R. Mitchell on October 27, 1933. The next month he approached the Greyhound Bus Company with his idea, but they declined.

While Hal didn't take an active role in Church activities, he was a devoted father and wanted to give his children as much as possible. He was a strict

disciplinarian, but also found time to provide all kinds of toys, pedal-cars, sleds, skis and skates. He build the children a rude basketball court with shale and a club house with bunk beds, a stove and table.

In 1935 Hal's stomach ulcers began hemorrhaging seriously. He finally had to quit working that November. When his condition worsened, Hal was taken to St. Mark's Hospital were he died on January 2, 1936. Three months later, on April 30th, his last child was born. She was named after him--Barbara Halene Wall.